

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 347

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A RESOLUTION to praise President Trump for his work on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

WHEREAS, the United States, Mexico, and Canada have a longstanding tradition of working together for the economic benefit of all three nations; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has negotiated a new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) to benefit American workers and businesses in ways in which the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) failed; and

WHEREAS, this new trade deal supports the strong relationship between the United States, Canada, and Mexico by bringing it into the 21st century; NAFTA failed to keep up with the ever-changing global economy and recognize the need for intellectual property rights and rules to ensure that data can be transferred across borders; and

WHEREAS, for years, the American people have spoken about the need for revisions to NAFTA, and President Trump rose to the occasion by promising appropriate and needed adjustments as he campaigned in the 2016 presidential election; and

WHEREAS, by way of the USMCA, President Trump has made many positive changes for U.S. businesses, workers, and farmers to prosper and grow the American economy; the USMCA's labor chapter contains the strongest labor provisions of any trade agreement, and such provisions will be fully enforceable by each country; and

WHEREAS, President Trump values American businesses and workers and recognizes the need for fair trade and competition; the USMCA will incentivize billions of dollars in additional U.S. automobile and auto parts production and the use of high-wage manufacturing labor in the auto sector, supporting better jobs for American workers; and

WHEREAS, President Trump values the American farmers' and ranchers' need for fair trade in the agribusiness industry; under the USMCA, Canada's "Class 7" program will be eliminated, and Canada will provide new market access for American dairy, eggs, and poultry; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly thanks President Trump for his work in negotiating the USMCA to help improve international competitiveness and fair trade and strengthen the economies of all nations involved in this trade agreement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we praise President Trump for his work in negotiating the landmark United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement and his ongoing support of American businesses, workers, and farmers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.